

# EF5063: PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS IN FINANCE

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## Effective Term

Semester A 2025/26

## Part I Course Overview

### Course Title

Professional Seminars in Finance

### Subject Code

EF - Economics and Finance

### Course Number

5063

### Academic Unit

Economics and Finance (EF)

### College/School

College of Business (CB)

### Course Duration

Two Semesters

### Credit Units

0-3

### Level

P5, P6 - Postgraduate Degree

### Medium of Instruction

English

### Medium of Assessment

English

### Prerequisites

Nil

### Precursors

Nil

### Equivalent Courses

Nil

### Exclusive Courses

Nil

## Part II Course Details

### Abstract

This course facilitates students to develop insights about the latest developments in the banking finance industries and acquire knowledge of current practices in the financial markets.

Through seminars delivered by financial experts and business professionals on the latest developments in the financial markets, students get to develop their discovery skills for analysing the latest issues in the industry.

To evaluate students' accomplishments of discovery in putting forward their own analyses, and recommendations where applicable, students are required to write two reports for the course. Students may expand on what the speakers lecture on for their reports.

In addition, students will be guided to follow the business etiquette when attending meetings: preparing before, attending on time, paying attention, asking follow up questions and showing respect to speakers.

The individual reports reflect students' own analyses of the issues that the speakers lecture on and provide evidence of their accomplishments of discovery. As some seminars are related to current issues with no definite resolutions of the problems, students may provide their own viewpoints in their reports that are opposite to what the speakers would present as long as they justify these views using their own analyses and recommendations.

### Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

CILOs		Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	Evaluate some of the latest economic and financial market developments with creative thinking from a wider perspective.		x	x	
2	Apply some of the current practices in the financial markets with creative thinking from various perspectives.		x	x	x

#### A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

#### A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

#### A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

### Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

LTAs	Brief Description	CILO No.	Hours/week (if applicable)
1	Seminars	Students will participate in professional seminars to learn about the latest financial market developments and current practices.	1, 2
2	Reports	Students will consolidate their learning by writing two individual reports and presenting their critical analyses.	1, 2

### Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

	ATs	CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks ("- for nil entry)	Allow Use of GenAI?
1	Professional attendance	1, 2	20	Not Applicable	No
2	Active participation	1, 2	10	Not Applicable	No
3	Reports	1, 2	70	For reports, students can use Generative Artificial Intelligence Tools to help them understand the concepts/ questions/ problems, or analyze data. But the final version must be their own work, e.g., students cannot copy and paste the AI answers as their own answers.	Yes

**Continuous Assessment (%)**

100

**Examination (%)**

0

**Assessment Rubrics (AR)****Assessment Task**

Professional attendance (for students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 &amp; thereafter)

**Criterion**

Show evidence of attending to the seminars in a professional manner on latest developments in the financial markets and current practices.

**Excellent**

(A+, A, A-) High

**Good**

(B+, B, B-) Significant

**Fair**

(C+, C, C-) Moderate

**Marginal**

(D) Basic

**Failure**

(F) Not even reaching marginal levels

**Assessment Task**

Active participation (for students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter)

**Criterion**

Demonstrate the participation in seminar by preparation in advance and being interactive with speaker during the seminar.

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**Assessment Task**

Reports (for students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter)

**Criterion**

Demonstrate the capability of evaluating and comprehending latest developments of the financial markets and current practices.

**Excellent**

(A+, A, A-) High

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## Part III Other Information

### Keyword Syllabus

Current developments of the economy

Latest developments and practices in the financial market

Banking practices

Financial issues

### Reading List

#### Compulsory Readings

Title	
1	To be provided by various speakers.

#### Additional Readings

Title	
1	To be provided by various speakers.